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Please do not permit Wal-Mart to establish a bank in our, or any other, community. They wield tremendous economic power as it is, and owning a bank would give them more control over our economy than any one corporation should have. Their retail methods are deleterious to local business; I can only imagine what would happen if they used the same destructive methods in banking. One of the best allies local businesses have against unfair competition from Wal-Mart and the other large retail institutions is the local banks. Local business and local banks keep our money in our communities. Please help us avoid their being swallowed up completely by Wal-Mart and other mega corporations.

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